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Pocahontas County has most of our native trees and each year some of these are shipped to different parts of the state by many of the farmers living in the region where these small trees are growing and each year these farmers add to their income by digging and shipping small trees and other shrubbery namely Spruce, Hemlock, White Pine, White & Black Walnut, Quaping Asp, Beech Birch, Ironwood, Elm, Mountain Magnolia, Yellow Poplar, Sassafras, Sycamore, Crab Apple, Mountain Ash, Wild Cherry, Yellow Locust, Sumac, Striped Maple, Sugar Maple Dogwood, Mountain Holley, Red Bud, Rhododendron and Mountain Laurel these are shipped over the entire state for resetting in many of our larger towns and cities of W. Va. The income derived from these trees amounts to several thousand dollars each year.

Each year thousands of dollars of Laurel is dug in Pocahontas County part of this is bought by Frank Labarr of Strausburg, Pa. who has a nursery at White Sulphur Springs, it is dug by local labor and trucked to the nursery and set out and from the nursery it is dug and reshipped to many parts of the U S but especially to New York City and other large cities of the east where it is bought by the rich people to be planted in their lawns and with other plants and trees that make up their shrubbery. Much laurel is bought by tourists passing through therefore the income derived from the sale of Rhododendron in Pocahontas County is great. As it is our state flower Pocahontas County is proud

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to be able to supply it to the rest of the state where laurel does not gr-

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Pocahontas County ranks high in the production of evergreens and
each year many of these are cut at Christmas time and trucked to the towns
and cities of W. Va. and sold as Christmas trees of these the Spruce is
the most desirable, they are found on high elevation especially on Cheat Mt.
Spruce Knob, Black Mt. and many other sections of high altitude mostly found
on the Northwestern part of the county, many of our little Spruce find their
way to Charleston about Christmas time.

Pocahontas is noted for its wildflowers coming early in the spring
and staying until late in the fall many of these are dug each year and sold to
wildflower lovers over the state. Many of the rich woodlands of Pocahontas grow
Ginseng and Golden Seal these two plants in years gone by were the means of living
for many of our mountain people as thousands of dollars worth of these roots
were dug each year in the wilds besides the tame and cultivated patches that
were found scattered over the county the ginseng is mostly sent to SHINA where
it is said it is made into medicine. Other plants and roots are gathered each year
and shipped to herb plants that use them in making medicine, H. C Cole now
located at Allegheny ^{Pa.} and formerly of Watoga W. Va. was an herb doctor that used
many of our plants of Pocahontas ^{Pa.} County medicine.

Many mountainous sections of Pocahontas County produce ramps, a plant

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ry much like an onion, each spring these are dug and sold to the people of
towns also to people from sections that do not produce them, they are con-
sidered a delicacy by many people and each spring many so called Ramp reunions
are held throughout the county and state.

Much fruit is produced in Pocahontas County C. J Richardson owns what
is known as the fruit farm which is located near the Greenbrier River above
Marlinton, this orchard consists of from 40 to 50 acres of trees and each year
this fruit is picked and sold locally in and around Marlinton another orchard
of size is found on the McClintic Farm on Swago Creek near Buckeye the acreage
in trees is from 35 to 40 acres the fruit is sold locally.

Pocahontas County produces Cranberries on Cranberry River this section
located in the western part of Pocahontas was once known as the Wilderness or
Wilds of Pocahontas this glade is cut up into smaller ones namely the big glade
Flag Glade, Long Glade, Round Glade and Little Glade with a total acreage of 100
acres but truly this just one big glade containing from 250 to 300 acres of deep
wet soil overgrown in some places with a thicket of shrubbery and others carp-
peted with moss. There is perhaps no area of equal extent in W. Va. which is of gr-
ater importance for its influence on water flow nor one more interesting to the
student and collector on account of its varied forms of plant and animal life
than this glady region laying at an elevation of ~~XX~~ 3,400 above sea level at
the head of Cranberry River, each fall these Cranberries are gathered by people